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**Our Squadron expresses Our Deepest Sorrow to
1st Lt. Dianne Crisp and C/Capt Nicole Crisp
for the recent loss in their family.**

We Miss You

NV Wing Conference Dec. 4 - 6 Palace Station Casino

**You Can't Turn Down This Request from Lt Col Timothy "Kojack" Hahn
Director of Operations, Nevada Wing Civil Air Patrol**

**CONFIRMATION! The DEM Communications Vehicle WILL be on display at
the conference!!!! Want to see it? Get the whole tour?**

REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE! <http://www.nvwg.cap.gov>

It's an exciting lineup folks... A UCC (Unit Commanders Course) will be taking place (register through LtCol Dulinawka).... A set of Scanner, Observer, and Mission Pilot Classroom Courses (Please let me know if you are going to be attending those sessions!).....FIVE, count 'em FIVE sessions of stuff JUST FOR CADETS not counting the OTHER STUFF that cadets can join in on and learn from! (Did you know that a 17 year old cadet can take the Scanner/Observer courses so he or she is set to fly missions at 18?????????)

Add in the Ground navigation course, the Aerospace Education Classes, the ICSNRT briefing, the opportunity to meet and great others you don't SEE but once a year! **Whewwww!**



**AMY S. COURTER, Maj Gen, CAP
National Commander**

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Dear CAP Volunteer:

As you know, on Saturday 12 December, wreaths will be placed in hundreds of locations across the United States in the observance of what has been congressionally declared as Wreaths Across America. Thousands of our volunteers have taken part in ceremonies in years past, all synchronized with the mass wreath laying at Arlington National Cemetery. We look forward to yet another year of honors ceremonies that continue the mission of this substantial endeavor: to Remember the fallen; Honor those who serve; and Teach our children the value of freedom.

Wreaths Across America has become our most high-profile nationwide event. For this reason, it is imperative that we ensure that we represent not only our organization and the United States Air Force, but all branches of the United States Armed Forces, as this is a joint service honors event, with the utmost dignity and respect!

The recommended uniform for ceremonies is the service dress uniform or corporate equivalent. However, as many of our members may not own a service jacket or a regulation outdoor or all-weather garment, we also authorize the utility uniform as an acceptable uniform of the day. BDU's may be worn, but members must ensure that the uniform is pressed and that their boots are well polished. We welcome cadet honor guard units to wear their ceremonial uniforms. Whether in ceremonials, blues, or the battle dress uniform, we ask that you take the time to ensure that your uniform is beyond reproach. For all ceremonial participants, and especially those who will be joining us at Arlington National Cemetery, we shall accept nothing less than the highest standard of excellence for appearance and decorum. Stand tall, stand with honor, and wear your uniform with pride.

As Wreaths Across America is held at the midpoint between Thanksgiving and the winter holidays, we render support to the families whose loved ones cannot be with them this holiday season due to their active service and defense of freedom abroad.

We greatly look forward to December 12th, and we cannot wait to hear of the endless accounts of how our members honored the men and women who have committed themselves in service to this nation and how our members remembered those who have committed the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our way of life!

Semper vigilans!



Wreaths Across America Dec. 12

**Lt Col David Jadwin, CAP
NCS Commander**

NCS Members & Supporters:

As discussed last meeting night, here are the instructions and letter for each of us to 'market' Wreaths Across America by e-mail. Remember, for every wreath sold, our squadron will receive \$5.

So, let's ALL get on this! Ask your family members to do the same thing with their contacts too. Remember, the wreaths themselves are for a great cause AND \$5.00 comes back to Nellis Composite Squadron.

I know some may feel squeamish about asking for support or 'spamming' our contact list. Please **DO NOT** send this out to everyone in ONE big e-mail. Take the 20 seconds to customize it for each recipient. I've already adjusted the letter slightly to represent Nellis Composite Squadron.

Let's see who can sell the most wreaths!

The purpose of this message is to provide each one of you with an extremely easy, armchair-method to help our Squadron obtain donation income with this year's Wreaths Across America, located at:

<http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/>

For every \$15 Wreath Sponsorship, \$5 will come back directly to Nellis Composite Squadron. Now, if you'll take just a moment to look at the Address Book in your email program, I'll bet you have 30 to 100 email contacts that are your family members, friends and business contacts. If you multiply the number of email contacts you have by the Senior Members, Cadet Members and Family Members we have here in the squadron, it means we have within our reach thousands of immediate contacts that we can ask for their help right now - to support you and our Squadron by sponsoring one or more wreaths during the next two weeks. Thousands of immediate contacts multiplied by \$5 means significant income to our Squadron!

To make your asking for help as simple as possible, below is ready-to-go message for you to send to each Contact in your email Address Book, asking them to sponsor one or more wreaths to lay at the grave of a fallen veteran. All you have to do is: 1) copy and paste it into a new email message to your email contacts, 2) insert your Salutation, and Your Name where provided - then 3) click "Send".

This is the absolute easiest way I can think of to generate income for our Squadron. Also consider sponsoring one or more of these inexpensive wreaths yourself. Time is of the essence - so please achieve this mission by sending emails to your family, friends & business contacts as soon as you receive this.

I wish you the best of luck in obtaining sponsorships for this very worthwhile cause, and raising easy donation income for our Squadron.

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**Copy and Paste the Message Below into Your Email Messages to Family, Friends and Business Contacts -
Feel Free to Personalize**

Dear {Insert Name} :

You may or may not be aware that I am a member of the Civil Air Patrol, the all-volunteer Auxiliary of the United States Air Force. The Civil Air Patrol was founded in 1941 at a time of national crisis, mobilizing civilian volunteers to defend the Nation. We continue with 57,000 volunteers today to assist in local and national emergencies, promote aerospace education and training, and provide a cadet training & motivation program.

A couple years ago we undertook a mission to support the Wreaths Across America program. The program began with a donation in 1992 to lay 5,000 holiday wreaths at veterans' graves in Arlington National Cemetery. In just a few years it has grown into a nationwide program. The Civil Air Patrol partners with Worcester Wreath Co. to adorn state and national cemeteries and memorials with more than 300 locations and 100,000 wreaths. Over 60,000 volunteers participate. You can learn more about our participation by going to: <http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/civil-air-patrol.html>

This year we are again committed to place holiday wreaths at the graves of our fallen veterans. I am writing to ask you and any of your family members to help by sponsoring one or more wreaths. They cost just \$15 each, and you may designate which cemetery or memorial you'd like your wreath(s) to be placed. There are also sponsorships for families, small businesses and corporate sponsorships - so please take the time to consider each one of these worthy opportunities.

Best of all, it's really easy to sponsor one or more wreaths - it takes just two steps and you can do it online in a couple of minutes:

First, decide where you would like your wreath to be placed. Our squadron supports the activities at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City, NV. You will be asked for a location code during your purchase. The location code for Boulder City Cemetery is NVSVMB. Or, you may go to this website and choose another location at: <http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/Locations/> - select the national cemetery where you would like your wreath(s) to go and write down that Location Code. (You may also omit the Location Code and leave it up to our volunteers).

Second, place your order - do this online at: <http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/Sponsor-a-Wreath.html> - select the number of wreaths you'd like to sponsor, enter the Location Code (or leave blank), and enter my squadron's Fundraising Group Number: NVCAP069

I hope you will join me this year in remembering the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy & Marine veterans who fought very hard for the freedom we enjoy each and every day. Thank you in advance for your support.

Happy holidays!

{Enter Your Name Here}

XEROX IS DOING SOMETHING COOL



Lt Col Bryan Dinsmore,

Former Commander, Nellis Cadet Squadron

If you go to this web site, www.LetsSayThanks.com you can pick out a thank you card and Xerox will print it and it will be sent to a soldier that is currently serving in Iraq . You can't pick out who gets it, but it will go to a member of the armed services.

How **AMAZING** it would be if we could get everyone we know to send one!!! It is **FREE** and it only takes a second.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if the soldiers received a bunch of these? Whether you are for or against the war, our soldiers over there need to know we are behind them.

This takes just 10 seconds and it's a wonderful way to say thank you. Please take the time and please take the time to pass it on for others to do. We can never say enough thank you's.

Thanks for taking to time to support our military!



NCS Foreign Correspondent – Kwajalein Island

Capt Chuck Corway

The only known active CAP member at Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands!
(PARADISE... in the middle of nowhere!)

I first heard of NCS online through Pat Harris and David Jadwin online through CadetStuff and CAPTalk and had the opportunity to visit while at Pacific Region Staff College at Nellis (unfortunately because of the structured schedule as an RSC student I was unable to attend the squadron meeting that week, but was impressed with the support given us by NCS and NAFB – even got to drive the NCS CAP van during most of the week). I did leave one of my squadron's coins with Col. Jadwin and purchased one of the NCS coins.

I've been a CAP member, both cadet and senior off and on for close to 30 years, starting in Georgia Wing, then Florida Wing, CAP Overseas, National Capital Wing and Texas Wing, now looking forward to transferring into Nevada Wing. Currently a captain, but eligible for promotion to major in July 2010. (Working on getting the commander of USAKA (U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll) – an Army colonel – to present my major's oak leaves and getting an article on CAP published in 'The Kwajalein Hourglass', the base newspaper. With some luck, it may also appear in the CAP Volunteer magazine.)

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I'm a design drafter with Kwajalein Range Services (a joint venture of Bechtel National and Lockheed Martin), largely working with engineers at the Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site (simply known as Reagan Test Site or RTS) maintaining and upgrading the many optics and sensors on the range. On occasion, Minuteman III ICBMs launched from Vandenberg AFB with inert (but instrumented) reentry vehicles streak into Kwajalein Atoll after a journey that covers over 4000 miles in about 28 minutes. They do make for a spectacular light show.

Kwajalein Atoll is 2100 nautical miles – and a full day time-wise – from Honolulu, Hawaii in the Republic of the Marshall Islands. We lease several islands from the RMI government and this forms part of the Pacific Missile Range. (For you ham radio operators out there, we have an amateur radio club - call sign V73AX; MARS AB3USA – and I'm working on getting my amateur radio license.) At Roi-Namur island 50 miles north of Kwajalein (but still within the atoll) are located some of the world's most powerful radars and space surveillance equipment; one reportedly can track an object the size of a beer can at over 100 miles altitude. For those interested in history, one of the key battles of the Pacific theater in WWII occurred both at Kwajalein and at Roi-Namur. When the work day is done, many of us partake in the varied water sports (swimming, sailing, scuba diving, snorkeling, deep-sea fishing) and other community activities.

I haven't officially transferred to NCS yet from Addison, TX; it'll most likely occur next month. BTW if you're at the Palace Station hotel and casino during the NV Wing conference, say hello to my younger brother; he's a dice dealer on the dayshift. (He was a CAP cadet years ago.)

Looking forward to meeting all of you in July, but if anyone has any questions about Kwaj I'll be more than happy to answer them.

[mail to: txokmason@verizon.net](mailto:txokmason@verizon.net)



KWAJ

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[It's free.](#)

<http://www.facebook.com/>